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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Monday, May 2, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4331.

Telecommunica-
tions, Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4455) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Center for Health Information and Analysis (see Section 24 of Chapter 12C of the General Laws) submitting its Continuous Skilled Nursing (CSN) Care Biennial report; and

Continuous
skilled nursing
care.

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting fiscal year 2021 annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers.

Community
corrections,—
centers.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the December 2021 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report;

Unemployment
Insurance Trust
Fund.

Of the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Cape and
Islands,—
wiretaps.

Of the Essex County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Essex
County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Hampden
County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Middlesex
County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Worcester County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021; and

Worcester
County,—
wiretaps.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report of the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of December, 2021.

Trial Court,—
summary process
monthly report.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Galvin of Canton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to regulate certain requirements of Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Revere and Son
Heritage Trust.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alecia Simmons, an employee of the Office of the Comptroller (Senate, No. 2654) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Alecia
Simmons,—
sick leave.

A petition of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer Almond, an employee of the Department of Correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Jennifer
Almond,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2694) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Jonathan D. Zlotnik that the city of Fitchburg be authorized to transfer portions of certain parcels of land

Fitchburg and
Westminster,—

to the town of Westminster for permanent and temporary easements. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven Ultrino for legislation to further regulate the use of hydrofluorocarbon substitutes. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency in behavioral health boarding (House, No. 203).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (House, No. 214).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide a pilot program for low interest loans to families with a child suffering from a terminal illness (House, No. 215, changed in section 1, in line 1, in section 3, in line 11 and in section 5, in line 20, by striking out the word “Department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words “Executive Office”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 260).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness (House, No. 264).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to a supportive technology commission (House, No. 249). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessibility at gas station [sic] (House, No. 194).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a livable home modification grant program (House, No. 205).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a diaper benefits pilot program (House, No. 206).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 261).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations (House, No. 262).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a loan repayment program for human service workers (House, No. 266).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to studying best practices for ensuring the safety of blind persons (House, No. 271).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public accommodations for individuals with verbal communication impairments (House, No. 4027).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 244, a Bill relative to family child care disclosures (House, No. 4460).

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Hydrofluoro-
carbon
substitutes.

Transparency,—
behavioral health
boarding.

Brain injury
advisory board.

Low interest
loans,—
children with
terminal illness.

PCA
program.

Homelessness,—
bill of rights.

Supportive
technology
commission.

Gas stations,—
accessibility.

Home
modifications.

Diaper benefits
program.

Developmental
disabilities.

Diaper changing
stations.

Human service
workers.

Blind persons,—
safety.

Verbal
communication
impairments.

Family
child care.

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill to help developers revitalize underutilized buildings (House, No. 285).

Underutilized buildings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Western Massachusetts balanced sustainable development commission (House, No. 302).

Sustainable development commission.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill reducing filing fees for single member LLCs (House, No. 3120).

Fees,—
LLCs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2051 and House, No. 3121, a Bill reducing certificate of organization fees for limited liability companies (House, No. 3121).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3153, 3166 and 3237, a Bill relative to equity in public contracting in honor of Bruce C. Bolling (House, No. 3166).

Public contracts,—
diversity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the procurement act exception for waste and recycling contracts (House, No. 3212).

Waste and recycling contracts.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, No. 2289 and House, No. 3456, a Bill relative to work and family mobility during and subsequent to the COVID-19 emergency (House, No. 4459) [Representatives Howitt of Seekonk, Orrall of Lakeville and DeCoste of Norwell dissent].

Work and family mobility.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill encouraging the growth of small businesses (House, No. 300). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Small businesses,—
growth.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 3915), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Julie DeRosa,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Reconsideration.

There being no objection,—Mr. González of Springfield asked that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on Wednesday, February 9, adopted the following order:

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

“*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, May 4, 2022

within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 2447, 2453 and 2492.”.

The motion was entertained; and it prevailed.

The order (House, No. 4425) then was rejected.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to police detail work in the town of Hudson (House, No. 4296), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.